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SPEEDOMETER SHORTAGE KEEPS TRUCKS IDLE; CAR SALES UP

BLAMES MINISTRY FOR SHORTAGE -- Trud, 31 May 50

The State Automobile Inspection has forbidden the use of vehicles with faulty speedometers. The Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry is charged with maintaining adequate production of speedometers and their spare parts; however, the ministry is not carrying out this order. In the Artemshakhtovostanovleniye (Artemovsk Mine Rehabilitation) Trust, more than half the vehicles are standing idle for this reason. A third of the vehicles in the parks of the Artemugol' (Artemovsk Coal) and Stalinugol' combines are similarly idle. -- P. Kupetov, chief, motor pool of Artemshakhtovostanovleniye Trust

CANNOT OBTAIN TECHNICAL REFERENCE MATERIAL -- Izvestiya, 2 Jun 50

Newly established plants meet with enormous difficulties when they try to obtain reference material on the improvement or repair of machine tools. Although existing plants have accumulated much valuable documentation over a period of years, they do not readily make it available, except after long and arduous negotiations.

It would make the work of all plants, both new and old, much easier if the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry were to organize an exchange of technical information through the distribution to plants of albums containing pertinent drawings. However, the ministry's technical division seems to be unconcerned about this problem.

The following illustrates the point: the Machine-Tool Building Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze puts out many new machine tools but sends out very few working drafts of the quickly wearing parts. On the other hand, the Krasnyy Proletariy Plant supplies such materials in an exemplary manner. -- Engineer I. Ryabov

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CARBURETOR PLANT INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 24 May 50

The Kuybyshev Carburetor Plant is marking the coming session of the Supreme Soviet USSR with a great spurt of activity. Every unit in the plant is exceeding the norm. The capacity of the conveyor which assembles truck carburetors has been raised 25 percent. The carburetor shop has pledged to put out 1½ million rubles in above-plan products for the opening of the session.

PLEDGES PRODUCTION INCREASE -- Kommunist, 25 May 50

At the Yerevan Avtodetal' Plant, the planned volume of production for 1950 is 2½ times that of 1949. During May, the machine shop is to begin mass output of five new automobile parts. The plant has pledged completion of the year's plan on the date of its 30th anniversary.

COMPLETES 5-MONTH PLAN -- Sovetskaya Latvija, 12 May 50

The Daugavpils Motorcycle and Bicycle Plant has completed the 5-month production program.

CAR SALES UP IN SVERDLOVSK -- Krasnaya Zvezda, 12 May 50

During its year of existence, the Sverdlovsk "Avtomobil'" store has sold 1,000 passenger cars, more than 250 motorcycles, and a large number of bicycles. The demand for private cars in Sverdlovsk is constantly growing.

NOVOSIBIRSK GETS NEW BUSES, TAXIS -- Avtomobil', No 6, Jun 50

In 1949, Novosibirsk had 23 buses and no taxis. It now has almost double that number of buses and 27 comfortable Pobeda taxis.

GOOD MARKET FOR CARS IN STALINO -- Pravda, 24 May 50

Over 1,000 Pobedas and Moskviches have been sold during the last year in the city of Stalino, where they are in great demand.

ADVERTISES CARS AND MOTORCYCLES -- Kommunist, 27 May 50

The Armenian office of Glavavtotraktorosbyt (Main Administration of Automobile and Tractor Sales) has Pobedas, Moskviches, and motorcycles for sale. Vehicles may be bought by sport organizations, kolkhozes, MTS, and industrial artels. -- Advertisement

FINDS NO SPARE PARTS FOR MOTORCYCLE -- Sovetskaya Litva, 17 May 50

In the whole city of Vil'nyus it is impossible to find a spare part for the IZh-350 motorcycle. Why cannot the republic's division of Glavtraktorosbyt (Main Administration of Tractor Sales) open a department for the sale of motorcycle spare parts? -- I. Filippov

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AUTO PLANT WANTS EXPERIENCED ENGINEERS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, 1 Jun 50

The Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin requires experienced engineers in the following specialties: industrial and civil construction; casting; forge and press operation; plant electrical systems. Apply to Division of Engineering and Technical Personnel. Telephones: Zh 2-98-34, Zh 2-95-64 and Zh 2-95-17. -- Advertisement

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